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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SCHLESINGER VISIT

1. ROK PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING (SCM). IN STORIES REPORTING MND AUGUST 20 ANNOUNCEMENT OF DELEGATION COMPOSITION AND POSSIBLE AGENDA, PRESS QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED MND SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT MAIN TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE:

--ROLE OF US IN ASIA FOLLOWING INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENT, AT A TIME NORTH KOREA IS BECOMING MORE PROVOCATIVE.

--FUTURE COMBINED US/ROK DEFENSE SYSTEM IN EVENT UNC DISSOLVED.

--COMPLETION OF 5 YEAR FORCE MODERNIZATION PLAN.

PRESS ALSO SPECULATES THAT ROKG EXPECTED TO SEEK STRONGER U.S. DFENSE COMMITMENT IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

2. MEDIA HAS REPORTED REUTER-HAPTONG STORY FROM WASHINGTON QUOTING UNIDENTIFIED U.S. OFFICIALS AS SAYING
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VISIT WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY OF TROOP

DEPLOYMENT IN ROK OR JAPAN. OFFICIALS WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT DURING SCM ROKG WILL EXPLAIN NEW 5 YEAR PLAN TO IMPROVE ITS ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF F16 FIGHTERS. (FYI PLAN HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED BY ROKG).

3. PRESS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL OTHER STORIES CONCERNING ROK MILITARY PLANS WHICH ARE BASED ON WASHINGTON REPORTS. ORIENT PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. WILL SOON SUPPLY ROK WITH TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILES AND F4E PHANTOM AIRCRAFT. LEAD STORY AUGUST 21-22 WAS BASED ON HALLORAN (NYT) INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT PARK IN WHICH PARK IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WITHIN 5 YEARS ROK WILL NOT NEED U.S. GROUND, AIR, NAVAL OR LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST NORTH KOREAN ATTACK (WITHOUT CHINESE OR SOVIET AID.)
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